

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Hogs & Pigs**  
**December 30, 2002**

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOG NUMBERS UNCHANGED**

#### **North Dakota**

The total number of all hogs and pigs in the state as of December 1, 2002, remained unchanged from a year ago, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The total North Dakota hog and pig inventory, 154,000 head, was unchanged from last year's record low and 31,000 head below 2000. The largest inventory on December 1 in the last 10 years was 320,000 head in 1993. These estimates are based on a survey conducted around December 1.

Breeding inventory totaled 26,000 head, down from 28,000 in 2001. The pig crop totaled 438,000, down from 476,000 last year and down from 513,000 in 2000.

Market inventory totaled 128,000 head, up from 126,000 last year. Market inventory by weight group with respective changes from last year are as follows: 50,000 weighing under 60 pounds, down 12 percent; 33,000 head in the 60-119 pound range, unchanged from last year; 25,000 head in the 120-179 pound class, up 25 percent; 20,000 head at or over 180 pounds, up 25 percent.

The number of farm operations with hogs totaled 600 in 2002, down from 700 in 2001 and a new record low.

#### **United States**

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002, was 58.9 million head. This was 1 percent below December 1, 2001, and 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2001, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter.

The September-November 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent less than 2001, and 1 percent less than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.83 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2002 period, compared to 8.82 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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# **DECEMBER 1 HOG INVENTORY**

Item	NORTH DAKOTA		UNITED STATES	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	--- 1,000 Head ---		--- 1,000 Head ---	
<b>INVENTORY</b>				
All Hogs & Pigs	154	154	59,804	58,943
Breeding	28	26	6,209	6,012
Market	126	128	53,594	52,931
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight Groups				
Under 60 Pounds	57	50	19,908	19,461
60-119 Pounds	33	33	12,924	12,919
120-179 Pounds	20	25	10,744	10,736
180 Pounds & Over	16	20	10,018	9,815
<b>SOWS FARROWING</b>				
Dec. - Nov. <sup>1/</sup>	57	52	11,385	11,429
<b>PIG CROP</b>				
Dec. - Nov. <sup>1/</sup>	476	438	100,503	100,758
<b>PIGS PER LITER</b>	- Head -		- Head -	
Dec. - Nov. <sup>1/</sup>	8.35	8.42	8.83	8.82
<b>NUMBER OF OPERATIONS</b>	- Number -		- Number -	
All Hogs & Pigs	700	600	80,880	75,350

*1/ December preceding year.*

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